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The Guild of Taxidermists

Established 1976

**Thirtieth
Anniversary
Conference 2006**
The Hayes Conference
Centre



**Swanwick, Alfreton,
Derbyshire**

*Friday 31st March
to
Sunday 2nd April*

_____ Friday _____

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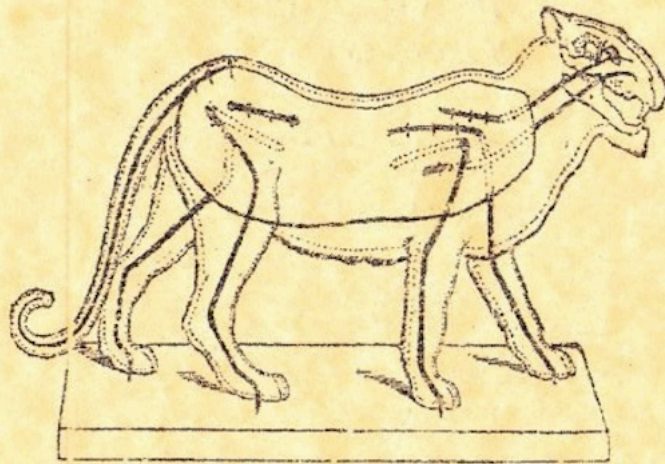
15:00 Arrival and registration of members and their exhibits.

18:45 DINNER

20:00 Wine reception followed by **The Guild: Thirty Years of Progress**

21:00 Social evening in bar.

Note: Throughout the conference there will be extra activities. Trade stands, glass eyes and displays. Members are invited to assist to raise Guild funds by bringing along taxidermy books, artefacts, casts and surplus materials and specimens for auction and raffle prizes.



The Guild of Taxidermists reserve the right to change the programme and refuse entry to any non member. The decision of the committee members present will be final.

_____ Saturday _____

8:30 BREAKFAST

9:30 Setting up a mammal carcass for Plaster Moulding
Peter Summers
***Start of skinning, cleaning & mounting a bird**
Carl Church

10:30 TEA/COFFEE

11:00 History of Taxidermy
Dr Pat Morris
Field sketches and their use
Katrina Cook, Curator Bird Group BMHH
Tring.

12:30 LUNCH
Time for participating members to judge the competitions. Judging slips are available from the specimen registrar's desk

14:30 Moulding the fixed carcase (cont'd)
Peter Summers
Setting up a carcase for alginate moulding
Steve Toher

15:30 TEA/COFFEE

16:00 Interpretation of reference photos
Peter Sunesen

17:00 AGM
(open to fully paid up members of the Guild)

18:45 DINNER
Followed by Results of Competitions and Credits, Raffles etc

*This will be an ongoing demonstration throughout the conference.

_____ Sunday _____

8:30 BREAKFAST

9:30 Casting from yesterdays mould

Peter Summers

**Moulding frozen mammal carcass with
alginate**

Steve Toher

10:30 TEA/COFFEE

11:00 Health & Safety at work & the Taxidermist

Laurence Dawson

Legal Update

Kim McDonald

12:00 Binding a small mammal body

Mike Gadd

12:30 LUNCH

14:00 Carving a bird body

Peter Sunesen

**14:30 Doctors Surgery followed by auction of
demonstration mount by Carl Church**

Peter Sunesen

Close of Conference 2006



COMPETITIONS

PROFESSIONAL

*Best Bird, Best Mammal, Best Fish/Reptile, Best
Game Head*

AMATEUR

*Best Bird, Best Mammal, Best Fish/Reptile, Best
Game Head*

THEME COMPETITION

*Best Artistic Interpretation of a Theme (i.e.
Curiosity) - Sponsored by Snowdonia Taxidermy
Supplies*

THE WAGSTAFFE TROPHY

Best Cased Exhibit

NORFOLK TROPHY

Best Ground Work

BEST AMATEUR

BEST IN SHOW

____ Information ____

Please note: ALL specimens are to be registered by
9.30am Saturday morning.

If you have work on display, please take the time to
fill out one of the Judging Slips. Your opinions
count. An hour has been set aside after Lunch on
Saturday for judging for competitions. Please return
the completed forms to the registrar's desk as soon
as possible.

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